

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Sophia J. Hamilton

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

A large square sampler on natural gauzy linen using plied silk thread in dark green, olive green, medium green, light green, pale brown, tan, pale blue, and off white. The sampler's stitches include cross, tent, satin, and slanted Gobelein. A two-stanza verse embroidered in the upper half of the sampler reads "ON RELIGION / Hail: gentle

Piety's unmingled Joy, / Whose fulness [sic] satisfied but ne'er can cloy, / Spread thy soft Wings o'er my devoted Breast, / And settle there an everlasting Guest. / Religion prompts us to a future state, / The last appeal from Fortune and from Fate: / where God's all righteous ways will be delcar'd, / The bad meet Punishment the good Reward. / Sophia J. Hamilton Aged 13 years / June 30th 1832." Each line of the verse is flanked by a cross-stitched horizontal spacer band, while "June 30th" and "1832" are underlined separately by horizontal tent-stitched lines. Above the verse's title is a four-stringed lyre, slightly askew, topped with a tiny leafy sprig. On either side of the verse are large floral and foliate sprays rising from cornucopia baskets. The leaves are varied and strongly worked. Below the verse and inscription is a large and luxuriant floral arrangement. Flowers appear to include roses, peonies and snowdrops, with tenuous floral and foliate vines flanking the central floral arrangement. Encircling the entire sampler is a bold stylized leafy border.

Dimensions

20.13 × 19.5 in. (51.1 × 49.5 cm)